

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A method for communicating aircraft and aircraft engine information using a system including a first server system controlled and operated by a first business entity and a second server system controlled and operated by a second business entity, the first server system including a first web server hosting a web site of the first business entity and a first database including data owned by the first business entity, the second server system including a second web server hosting a web site of the second business entity and a second database including data owned by the second business entity, said method comprising the steps of:

coupling the first web server to the first database controlled by the first business entity, wherein the first web server populates a first web site with data from the first database, the data including aircraft and aircraft engine information that the first business entity wishes to share with the second business entity;

coupling the second web server to the second database controlled by the second business entity, wherein the second web server populates a second web site with data from the second database, the data including aircraft and aircraft engine information that the second business entity wishes to share with the first business entity;

synchronizing the first web site and the second web site to function together as a collaborative web site such that at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative web site is hosted from the first web site by the first business entity and at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative web site is hosted from the second web site by the second business entity such that the collaborative web site is hosted jointly by the first and second business entity;

selectively accessing the first web site and the data stored in the first server system database by the second business entity via the collaborative web site; and

selectively accessing the second web site and the data stored in the second server system database by the first business entity via the collaborative web site.

2. (original) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of coupling the first web server to the first database further comprises the step of providing a first server system hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer.

3. (original) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of coupling the second web server to the second database further comprises the step of providing a second server system hosted by an aircraft manufacturer.

4. (previously presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of selectively accessing the first web site and the data stored in the first server system further comprises the step of selectively accessing data from the first and second server systems based on individual access privileges.

5. (previously presented) A method in accordance with Claim 1 wherein said step of selectively accessing the first web site and the data stored in the first server system further comprises the step of selectively accessing at least one of aircraft engine and aircraft data relating to at least one of general information data, plans and schedules data, propulsion systems data, and engineering data.

6. (currently amended) A system for communicating aircraft and aircraft engine information to a user via a computer including a browser, said system comprising:

a first server system controlled and operated by a first business entity comprising a first web server and a first database including data owned by the first business entity, said first web server coupled to said first database, said first web server configured to cause to be displayed at the user computer a first web site populated with data from said first database; and

a second server system controlled and operated by a second business entity comprising a second web server and a second database including data owned by the second business entity, said second web server coupled to said second database, said second web server configured to cause to be displayed at the user computer a second web site populated with data from said second database, said first web site and said second web site synchronized to function together as a collaborative web site such that at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative web site is hosted from the first web site by the first business entity and at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative web site is hosted from the second web site by the second business entity such that the collaborative web site is hosted jointly by the first and second business entity; data stored in said first server system database accessible to the user browser via said second server system, data stored in said second server system database accessible to the user browser via said first server system.

7. (previously presented) A system in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said data stored in said first server system and said second server system accessible to the user browser based on individual access privileges.

8. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 6 wherein said first server system hosted by a turbine engine manufacturer, said second server system hosted by a business partner of the turbine engine manufacturer.

9. (original) A web-based system in accordance with Claim 7 wherein at least one of said first database and said second database includes aircraft data relating to at least one of general information, plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering.

10. (original) A web-based system in accordance with Claim 7 wherein at least one of said first database and said second database includes aircraft engine data relating to at least one of general information, plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering.

11. (original) A web-based system in accordance with Claim 7 wherein at least one of said first database and said second database maintains a record of navigation changes.

12. (currently amended) A database structure configured to be protected from access by unauthorized individuals, said database structure comprising a first database including data owned by an aircraft engine manufacturer and a second database including data owned by a business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer, said first database coupled to a first server system controlled and hosted by the aircraft engine manufacturer, said second database coupled to a second server system controlled and hosted by the business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer, at least one of said first database and said second database including information relating to at least one of general information, plans and schedules, propulsion systems, and engineering, said first database linked to a first web site configured to be populated with data from said first database, said second database linked to a second web site configured to be populated from said second database, said first web site and said second web site synchronized to function together as a collaborative web site such that at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative web site is hosted from the first web site by the aircraft engine manufacturer and at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative web site is hosted from the second web site by the business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer such that the collaborative web site is hosted jointly by the aircraft engine manufacturer and the business partner.

13. (currently amended) A web-based communications system comprising:

a computer comprising a browser;

a network coupled to said computer;

a first server system controlled and operated by an aircraft engine manufacturer and comprising a first web server and a first database, said first web server coupled to said first database and to said network, said first web server configured to cause to be displayed at said computer a first web site populated with data from said first database; and

a second server system controlled and operated by a business partner and comprising a second web server and a second database, said second web server coupled to said second

database and to said network, said second web server configured to cause to be displayed at said computer a second web site populated with data from said second database, said first web site and said second web site synchronized to function together as a collaborative web site such that at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative web site is hosted from the first web site by ~~an~~ the aircraft engine manufacturer and at least a portion of the data included in the collaborative web site is hosted from the second web site by a the business partner of the aircraft engine manufacturer such that the collaborative web site is hosted jointly by the aircraft engine manufacturer and the business partner, data stored in said first server system database selectively accessible to said browser via said second server system, data stored in said second server system database is selectively accessible to said browser via said first server system.

14. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 13 wherein said first server system hosted by an aircraft engine manufacturer, said second server system hosted by an aircraft manufacturer.

15. (previously presented) A system in accordance with Claim 14 wherein data stored in said first server system and data stored within said second server system selectively accessible to said browser based on individual access privileges.

16. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said browser configured to selectively display aircraft engine data relating to at least one of general information data, plans and schedules data, propulsion systems data, and engineering data.

17. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said browser configured to selectively display an historical log relating to navigational changes to said user interface.

18. (original) A system in accordance with Claim 14 wherein said browser configured to selectively display aircraft data relating to at least one of general information data, plans and schedules data, propulsion systems data, and engineering data.